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Import of finer yarn

* 155 Q.—SRI D. S. AUTHIMOOLAM (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Apex Society of handloom weavers or other co-operative organisations have imported finer yarn during 1957–58 and 1958–59;

(b) if so, what are the counts and what is the quantity so imported; and

(c) the manner in which they are distributed to the weavers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) The Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society (i.e., the State Apex Society) imported twenty-five thousand pounds (25,000 lb.) of 1/100 super combed yarn during 1957–58. It did not import any finer yarn during 1958–59 (i.e., from 1st April 1958 to 28th February 1959). No other weavers co-operative societies in this State imported any finer yarn during 1957–58 and 1958–59.

(c) The finer yarn imported by the State Society was distributed among its units at Kumbakonam, Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Erode, Madurai and Coimbatore for supply to the members of the primary weavers societies who used 100s yarn.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : When it is our objective to encourage indigenous industry, will not the import of finer qualities of yarn affect the handloom industry?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : On the other hand the handlooms will be enabled to weave finer cloth by using the combed yarn.

Untouchability.

* 156 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) அனுபந்த ஜாதியார்கள், அனுபந்த மலை ஜாதியார்கள், இவர்கள் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட கமிஷனர் அவர்கள் அறிக்கையின்பேரில் தயாரித்த தீண்டாமை இன்னும் நிலவி வரும் கிராமங்களின் பட்டியல் பிரகாரம் எந்தெந்த கிராமங்களிலே தீண்டாமை நிலவி வருகிறது ?

(ஆ) அந்த கிராமங்களிலே தீண்டாமையானது எந்த ரூபத்திலே நிலவி வருகிறது

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) The Director of Harijan Welfare has consulted the Collectors regarding the list of villages where untouchability exists at present. A few Collectors have given a list of villages. One Collector has stated that it is not possible to list out the villages where untouchability is still prevalent. A few other Collectors have stated that there is no village where untouchability is prevalent in their districts.